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AMERICAN JET AIRCRAFT DOWNED OVER LAOS

AN UNIDENTIFIED PATHET LAO BROADCAST EMANATING FROM THE SAM NEUA AREA REPORTED ON 13 SEPTEMBER THAT AN AMERICAN F-106 JET AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE OVER SAM NEUA PROVINCE. THE INTERCEPT ADVISED THAT TWO AMERICAN AD-5 =SPY PLANES= AND THREE F-106 JET AIRCRAFT WERE SENT TO BOMB AND STRAFE VIGPAGES IN AREA SIX ((A)), OF SAM NEUA PROVINCE. THE AIRCRAFT WERE FIRED ON BY AN ARMoured UNIT ASSIGNED TO THE AREA. AN F-106 AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND BURST INTO FLAMES. OBSERVERS REPORTED THAT THEY BELIEVED THE AIRCRAFT WOULD CRASH BECAUSE IT WAS IN FLAMES WHEN LAST OBSERVED.

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